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**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
July 31, 2019**

Chairman Connolly, Selectman Boisoneau, Selectman Devault, Selectman Dziokonski, and Selectman Kerrigan were in attendance. Attendee was Town Administrator Ward. Chairman Connolly opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

Public Comment

Jeffrey Swann 132 Franklin Street read a prepared statement to the board regarding the former "Gene's Auto" property on High Street. He shared suggestions for cleaning up the property and utilizing it as a marketing spot.

Review of Minutes

The board received minutes from June 19 & 26, 2019 Selectmen's meeting for review and approval. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Commercial Garage License Public Hearing – 640 Main Street

Chairman Connolly opened the hearing inviting the applicant forward. Mr. Wilber Soto-Riveria and Attorney William O'Neil were before the board. Mr. O'Neil explained Mr. Soto-Riveria owns property on Fitch Road here in Clinton and has lived in Clinton many years. He has operated JN Auto Sales & Repairs in Framingham for the last 15 years and would like to ideally open a sales and repair business at 640 Main Street. He has applied for a repair license and a used car license, he understands it is a tight corner, but there has been a used car business there previously. The garage access is off of Sterling Street and there is also access off of Main Street. The request is for 15 cars. Chairman Connolly opened the hearing up for questions from board members. Selectman Dziokonski asked if the intent is to be a commercial garage with auto repairs. Mr. O'Neil explained, yes there was one there which operated within the last year. Chairman Connolly opened the hearing for public comment, in favor, there was none, in opposition there was none. Selectman Devault made a motion to approve the Commercial Garage License for 640 Main Street d/b/a JN Auto Sales & Repair. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Solicitor Gibbons reviewed this may require a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeal and a Site Plan Review by the Planning Board. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to amend the original motion to include the approval pending the Special Permit by the ZBA and Site Plan Review by the Planning Board. Selectman

Kerrigan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to include amendment. The vote was unanimous for the amended motion.

Class II Motor Vehicle Dealer License Public Hearing-640 Main Street

Chairman Connolly opened the hearing inviting the applicant forward. Mr. Wilber Soto-Riveria and Attorney William O'Neil were before the board. Mr. O'Neil explained there is enough room on the property for 15 cars with a repair shop on one side with room for 3 cars. Chairman Connolly asked about the employee and customer parking. Mr. Soto-Riveria explained there would be one employee. Mr. O'Neil explained a packet was submitted with the plan. Selectman Dziokonski asked if the Building Inspector had reviewed the lot, will 15 cars fit. Chairman Connolly reviewed the Zoning Board of Appeals would review for Special Permit. Chairman Connolly opened the hearing for public comment, in favor, there was none, in opposition there was none. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve the Class II License for 640 Main Street d/b/a JN Auto Sales & Repair, pending the Planning Board Site Plan Review and the ZBA Special Permit review with the number of cars to be determined by the Planning Board. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Class II Motor Vehicle Dealer License Increase Public Hearing-676 Main Street

Chairman Connolly opened the hearing inviting the applicant forward. Mr. Chris Baylis and Attorney William O'Neil were before the board. Mr. O'Neil explained there is enough room on the property for 15 cars, the ask is to have 15 cars approved for 676 Main Street existing Class II License. He explained the request had been before the board a few months ago and the outcome was determined a second license was needed for separate address. Mr. Baylis researched he would be required to keep two set of books and get a separate bond for each license running them as two separate businesses. At this time the license for 676 has 5 cars approved and the former license for 678 had approval of 10 vehicles. The request is to receive approval for 15 vehicles for 676, using 678 for repairs. Solicitor Gibbons explained one entity with the same name can operate under one bond, under the statue, he is unaware two sets of books are required for one entity, he isn't sure on that. He explained if Mr. Baylis has ownership of 676 and a lease on 678, one license can be issued to both properties if the board is inclined to do so approving 15 cars to both lots. Chris Baylis explained long term they hope to purchase the property on 678 at this time they have a 5-year lease. Mr. O'Neil explained one license approved for 15 vehicles to both addresses is a great resolution. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to approve a 15-vehicle license to 676-678 Main Street to Robert Baylis d/b/a Main Street Automotive, for the duration the applicant controls both properties. Selectman Devault seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Boisoneau stated the landlord of 678 owes the town back taxes for the property. The vote was unanimous. Chairman Connolly asked if a mechanism for the town to attach the rent payment the applicant is

making for the owed taxes. Solicitor Gibbons explained through litigation and a court order with tax taking.

Liberty Compassion Recreational Marijuana – 179 Brook Street

Chairman Connolly invited attendees forward for discussion. Attorney William O'Neil and Mr. Vincent Giordano were before the board representing Liberty Compassion. Mr. Giordano stated he is the President of the company. Mr. O'Neil explained they are before the board to discuss an amendment to the current host agreement the company has with the town. The company is scheduled before the Planning Board and the Zoning Board to seek approval to expand the upcoming business to include growing marijuana for recreational use as well as medical. Mr. Giordano explained it has been a long process from the time they began seeking the licensing, from seeking investors to work on the building, they are prepared to get a certificate of occupancy in September. At this time, they wish to expand the market to include selling wholesale to dispensaries. He invited board members for a tour of the facility. He reviewed the facility will grow, process and package product, there is no intention to dispense it in Clinton. There is 24-hour security at the facility. They are preparing to higher a variety of jobs up to 50 or 60 over the next three months. Chairman Connolly asked if there was any proposal to amend the host agreement terms. Mr. Giordano stated he would propose a \$10,000-dollar amendment and begin the agreement in year two moving forward. He asked for a separate host agreement for the recreational part, he knows he will be required to have a separate reporting system to the state. Chairman Connolly stated they will negotiate a separate community host agreement. He explained if the board was inclined to, they will support the application subject to the amended host or new host agreement with negotiated terms. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve the Town Administrator and Town Solicitor work with Attorney O'Neil on a new agreement for the approval of Recreational growth. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Solicitor Gibbons reviewed the host agreements are public documents and he will provide copies to Mr. O'Neil. Chairman Connolly stated the board will meet again on August 21st and review again at that meeting.

Community & Economic Development Director Phil Duffy

FY18 CDBG Lead Paint Inspection Services

Mr. Duffy recommended to the board to award a consultant contract to Caulfield Environmental in the amount of \$1955 to provide lead paint inspection services under the Housing Improvement Program from FY18 CDBG. He explained he has used this company in the past and they were the lowest bidder. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to approve a contract with Caulfield Environmental as recommended for lead paint inspection services. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote unanimous.

MassWorks Infrastructure Grant Application Assistance

Mr. Duffy recommended to the board to award a consultant contract to Anderson Strategic Advisors, LLC in the amount of \$20,000 to provide assistance for MassWorks Grant Application for decorative streetlights and pedestrian improvements for downtown. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to approve a contract with Anderson Strategic Advisors, LLC for assistance in the preparation of the MassWork Grant application. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote unanimous.

Supplementary Commercial Improvements Program

Mr. Duffy reviewed he is recommending an amendment to the Supplementary Commercial Improvements Program to expand the eligible target area to allow more businesses to participate in the program. Mr. Duffy reviewed the maximum award is \$3,000. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to approve the amendment to supplementary commercial improvements program to expand target area to allow more businesses to participate. Selectman Devault seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Dziokonski asked if this program would be able to assist with needed clean-up and maintenance to the former Gene's Auto as presented by Mr. Swann under public comment. Mr. Duffy explained at the end of the program if funding remains, he can contact DHCD, to see if funding can be used. The vote was unanimous.

Goals & Objectives Discussion

Chairman Connolly asked how the board wanted to proceed in establishing goals & objectives for the FY2020 year. Selectman Dziokonski asked how the board will proceed with presenting goals, the same as last year. He explained he would rank what he felt were important, snow removal to sidewalks under the control of the town, snow removal from the High Street sidewalk area, a mechanism to have town meeting warrant available to the public sooner, he understands the warrant changes over time but if possible to have released two weeks prior to the meeting date, review providing child care services during the town meeting to encourage attendance, review hosting the meeting on a Saturday morning, it would be more consumer friendly. Selectman Kerrigan suggested review making the budget more user friendly and easier for citizen review, perhaps provide handouts like the ZBA had for the article at the last meeting. Chairman Connolly agreed it would be the same as last year, each member should send a list of high priority issues to the Administrator and the board can review at the next meeting.

Administrative Business

Late Night Closings

Chairman Connolly reviewed the following establishments are requesting late night closings for Saturdays in the month of August 2019: Clinton Turn Verein, Crystal Café,

Liberty Tavern, Ringside Café, Spruce Street Tavern, The Simple Man Saloon and Polish American Veterans. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to approve the requests as presented with any additional requests be sent for Police Chiefs review and approval. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Water/Sewer & Trash Abatements Request

Superintendent of Public Work McGown submitted a list of water/sewer and trash abatements in the amount of \$10,392.00 from the last billing cycle for action by the board. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to accept the abatements as presented. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business

School Committee Resignation

Chairman Connolly reviewed the board received notice from the Town Clerk she received a resignation letter from Edward Devault resigning from his position on Clinton School Committee effective immediately. He explained the School committee reviewed at their last meeting and sent a letter to notify the board of the vacancy and have requested participation in the appointment of a successor. Administrator Ward plans to advertise this vacancy notice in the August 2 & 9, 2019 Item. A joint meeting for review of applicants can be set for the August 21, 2019 meeting. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to accept the resignation notice and approve the advertising timeline and the scheduling of the joint appointment with School Committee for the August 21, 2019 meeting. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Chairman Connolly explained any applicant information will be sent out to the School Committee and Selectmen prior to the meeting. Administrator Ward reviewed an invitation to the applicant to attend meeting can be sent out once a letter of interest is received. The vote was unanimous.

Conservation Committee Appointment

Administrator Ward reviewed recently a member of the Conservation Commission had resigned, a letter of interest was received from Rebecca Longvall. Administrator Ward acknowledged her background and education make her a good person to serve. Chairman Connolly agreed explaining it is the Administrator's appointment.

Water Bill Abatement Request

Chairman Connolly reviewed the board has received a request for a water & sewer abatement in the amount of \$3941.54 plus accrued interest from Ms. Becky Gray for property on 99 Lawrence Street. Administrator Ward explained the DPW determined this is a high bill due to a faulty meter and a small leak, there would be no way to determine an actual usage. The meter was in disrepair but has been replaced, the amount to be

abated was based upon usage over the last few years. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to grant the abatement as requested. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Gael Force First Robotics 5K Fun Run

Chairman Connolly explained Clinton High School/Nypro First Robotics Team is requesting permission to conduct a 5K road race to be held on September 1, 2019 to raise funds to purchase equipment for their organization. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve the request as submitted. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Kerrigan explained he ran race last year great event and value, it was a little over 5K. The vote was unanimous.

Fire Works Donation Request

Chairman Connolly reviewed the Clinton Fire Union is requesting a donation from the Civic Fund to assist with the costs of the annual fireworks celebration event to be held on July 13, 2019. Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to donate \$5000.00 from the Civic Fund. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Chairman Connolly thanked the Fire Department and all those who support the event, it is a great community event. The vote was unanimous.

Gael Force 5K Run Donation Request

Chairman Connolly reviewed the board received a request for a donation to support the Gael Force Fun Run to raise funds to assist CHS/Nypro First Robotics Team. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve same amount as last year be donated from the civic fund to support the Gael Force CHS/Nypro Robotics Team. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Bigelow Library Parking

Administrator Ward reviewed the board received a request from Library Director Marie Mueller to reserve two parking spaces in front of the Church Street entrance temporarily for when the Walnut Street project has the street closed to maintain access to their facility. Chairman Connolly asked if this request should be reviewed by the Traffic Committee. Administrator Ward explained it is just temporary for the duration of the construction project therefor the board can review. Selectman Dziokonski explained the request is made with good intent for the patrons of the library. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to approve the request as presented. Selectman Kerrigan seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Devault asked if signage will be displayed to determine the spaces. Administrator Ward explained yes, the custodian will put it out in the morning. Selectman Devault reviewed this will only be approved for the hours of the library. Administrator Ward agreed. The vote was unanimous.

Subcommittee Assignments

Chairman Connolly reviewed a list of sub committee assignments to fill any vacancy made by outgoing members.

Selectmen Budget Subcommittee – Selectman Kerrigan

Traffic Committee – Selectman Dziokonski

Cable Television Committee - Selectman Devault

Townhall Use Committee - Selectman Devault

Townhall Renovations Committee – Selectman Devault

Downtown Steering Committee - Selectman Kerrigan

Solid Waste Advisory Committee – Selectman Kerrigan

Abandoned Property Committee – Selectman Boisoneau

Communications & Marketing Committee - Selectman Devault

Tax Title Property Committee – Selectman Boisoneau

Selectman Kerrigan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM. Selectman Devault seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned,

Joyce A. Corbosiero

Executive Assistant to the Clinton Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator